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## **City of Renton's Former Mayor Jesse Tanner Passes Away**

Renton: City of Renton officials learned yesterday that former Mayor Jesse Tanner passed away. Mayor Tanner had been hospitalized due to a long illness. City of Renton officials, employees and residents mourn the loss of their dedicated local government leader.

"My condolences to the family and friends of Mayor Tanner in their time of loss," said Renton Mayor Kathy Keolker. "Mayor Tanner worked diligently to make Renton a better place."

Mayor Tanner was born on April 11, 1927, and served as Renton's mayor from 1996 through 2003. His tenure as mayor saw the purchase of the new Renton City Hall building, completion of a performing arts center, the construction of the Henry Moses Aquatic Center, construction of a now well-known skate park, the dedication of the Veterans' Memorial Park, and the development of a parking garage and a regional Metro transit center in downtown Renton.

"Jesse Tanner was not just another elected official," said City Council President Toni Nelson. "He was a man of great warmth, generosity, vision, and integrity. The entire Renton community mourns his loss."

Mayor Tanner is survived by his wife Janice, daughters Linda Nichols, Debbie Hanson, Deanna Schukar, Donna Youngblood, nine grandchildren and one great granddaughter Danika Sjolund.

The family has announced the following arrangements and memorial service:

Tuesday, February 13, 2007, 10:30 am to 6:00 pm -- Viewing at Greenwood Memorial Park Cemetery and Funeral Home, 350 Monroe Ave NE, Renton, WA.

Wednesday, February 14, 2007, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm -- Viewing at St. Matthews Lutheran Church, 1700 Edmonds Ave NE, Renton, WA.

Wednesday, February 14, 2007, 12:30 pm -- Memorial service, St. Matthews Lutheran Church, 1700 Edmonds Ave NE, Renton, WA.

Wednesday, February 14, 2007, following the memorial service -- Graveside service, Greenwood Memorial Park Cemetery and Funeral Home, 350 Monroe Ave NE, Renton, WA.

Wednesday, February 14, 2007, following the graveside service -- Reception with the family, Pavilion Building, 233 Burnett Avenue South, Renton, WA.

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